

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)
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10. (Currently Amended) A hand tool for tightening and locking locknuts, the hand tool comprising:

a first member having a proximate end comprising a first handle and a distal end comprising a first jaw;

a second member having a proximate end comprising a second handle and a distal end comprising a second jaw;

a pivot member comprising means for operably connecting said first and second members, said pivot member being disposed between the handles and the jaws so that the jaws pivot with movement of the handles;

said first jaw being more distally disposed than the second jaw;

said first jaw comprising a first elongate notch, and said second jaw comprising a second elongate notch, said first notch being more elongate than

the second notch, said first notch comprising adjacent surfaces for engaging a first locknut protrusion and said second notch comprising adjacent surfaces for engaging a second locknut protrusion; at least one of said adjacent surfaces being about rectilinear, said first notch adjacent surfaces being distally disposed with respect to the second notch adjacent surfaces, wherein whereby with the handles jaws pivotably closed on the locknut the jaws first and second notch adjacent surfaces pivotably contactingly engage the respective first and second locknut protrusions.

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24. (New) The hand tool of claim 10, said at least one of said notches comprises second about rectilinear surfaces.

25. (New) The hand tool of claim 10, said jaws being free of protruding teeth for contactingly engaging the locknut.

26. (New) The hand tool of claim 10, said jaws comprise a locknut engaging construction consisting of said first and second notches.

27. (New) The hand tool of claim 10, said jaws being free of other notches for engaging the locknut.

28. (New) The hand tool of claim 10, said notches being outwardly disposed and said jaws being free of inwardly disposed protrusions that would prevent the contacting engagement of the respective notch adjacent surfaces with the respective locknut protrusions.